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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, PBOR, BF, US

SUBJ: US/BAHAMAS MARITIME BOUNDARIES

REF: STATE 02837#AND PREVIOUS

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTION CONTAINED REFTEL EMBASSY REQUESTED MINEXTAFF PERMSEC TO INFORM MIN ADDERLEY THAT DEPT OFFICIAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FEB 17 OR 21 TO CONSULT WITH MINISTER ON LIMITS OF FISHING JURISDICTION. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THAT SUBJECT AND HOPE WAS EXPRESSED THAT GCOB TAKE NO PUBLIC ACTIONS REGARDING EXTENT OF ITS OWN JURISDICTION UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATIONS. PERMSEC PROMISED TO GET BACK TO EMBASSY AFTER SPEAKING WITH ADDERLEY.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED CALL FROM PERMSEC SOME TWENTY MINUTES LATER STATING THAT HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM US THAT THE MINISTER FELT THAT ANY CONVERSATIONS OR CONSULTATIONS AT THIS TIME WERE "PREMATURE" AND THAT BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UNABLE TO ENTER INTO SUCH CONSULTATIONS UNTIL AFTER "THEY HAD PASSED THEIR OWN
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LEGISLATION ON SEA BOUNDARIES." WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT AMBASSADORS LEARSON, WEISS, AND OLSON HAD ALL RAISED SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTER ADDERLEY ON INNUMERABLE OCCASIONS BOTH IN NEW YORK AND NASSAU PERMSEC STATED THAT HE "KNEW NOTHING OF THAT." THIS IS MOST DISINGENIOUS GIVEN FACT THAT PERMSEC HAD SAT IN ON ALL NASSAU MEETINGS BETWEEN ADDERLEY AND EMBASSY

WHERE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED, AND FACT THAT DURING DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S ONLY LAST NIGHT HE HAD AGREED THAT CONVERSATIONS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

3. EMBASSY NOW ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR WITH P.M. PINDLING TO DISCUSS BACKGROUND OF ISSUE, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT ADDERLEY'S SUDDEN AND INEXPLICABLE SWITCH WAS MADE WITH FORMER'S KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL. (THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS LATELY THAT ADDERLEY MAY BE ACTING MORE AND MORE ON HIS OWN WITHOUT FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH PM AND CABINET AND IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE IS TOO IMPORTANT BOTH TO GCOB AND TO US TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT PINDLING HAS BEEN FULLY AND SUFFICIENTLY CONSULTED.) WHILE EMBASSY UNABLE TO SPECULATE ON REASONS FOR ADDERLEY'S BEHAVIOUR WE ARE NEVERTHELESS PREPARED TO SAY CONFIDENTLY THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT THUS FAR ARE APPARENTLY UNABLE TO SEPARATE AND UNRAVEL FISHING ENFORCEMENT JURISIDCTION FROM ECONOMIC ZONES FROM ARCHIPELAGO FROM L.O.S. ETC., AND ARE AFRAID THAT TALKING ABOUT ONE - FISHING ZONES - MIGHT SOMEHOW PREJUDICE THEIR CASE ON THE OTHERS. HOPEFULLY, AMB'S TALK WITH PINDLING WILL REDUCE THE

COMMUNICATIONS GAP, AND PM AT LEAST WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE ADVANTAGES OF CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE BAHAMAS TAKING A PUBLIC POSITION ON ISSUES EXTRANEIOUS TO A FISHING ZONE AND ENFORCEMENT OF THAT ZONE, POSITIONS WHICH MIGHT NOT BE IN GCTB'S BEST INTEREST.

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